## Lightweight Champion Almost Stops Cline, but Is Forced to Fight Harder Than at Any Time Since Beating Welsh

## LIST OF VICTORIES

though Hard Pressed at Times, Beats Cline.

VICTIM DROPPED IN FIFTH

Benny Almost Stops Opponent by Great Finish in Phila-

delphia Bout.

PHILAUSIPILA, Dec. 12.—Benny Leon-afternoon and night, but on the whole, and title of world's lightweight cham-pon is still safe despite a furious effort acted. The league worked in double pon is still safe despite a furious effort on the part of Irish Patsy Cline to grasp the crown. Leonard defeated Cline in a six round contest at the Olympic A. A. to-night, but the champion knew he had been in a battle.

acted. The league worked in double quick time yesterday so the club owners might be able to leave this morning for the joint conference with the American League in Chicago, which is scheduled for to-morrow. Tener is not going to the joint meeting, it was learned last night.

Cline gave the champion the hardest

self in the closing and from Harlem is numbered and from Harlem is numbered and feonard's victims.

It was thought by many experts that Leenard would score a knockout and they wagered one to two on that proposition. After the third round, in which cline fought with the greatest fury, there was a scramble on the part of the bettors to lay off on the sleep punch idea.

Cline Dropped in Fifth.

feet and rushed at Leonard. The cham- peal. pion sidestepped and uppercut Cline

Only a year ago the league, desiring

victorial on the chin, and the latter then

rushed blindly and clutched Leonard

about the nack. He was trying to hit,

but without effect, after the bell sounded. As Cline was pushed away from Leonard by the referee he reeled toward his corner and nearly fell into his seat. The right hander on the jaw, followed by the stinging uppercut, had done the hust-ness. The bell undoubtedly saved Cline. for had the round gone a minute longer Benny might have finished his opponent.

There were cries for Leonard to finish his man when they touched gloves at the beginning of the sixth round. Benny feinted his man into a helpless condition and then looked for a place on which to land his dreaded right. Cline rushed in and hugged to keep out of danger and the champion could not get his arms to working.

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Cline, entirely on the defensive, mansged to keep on his feet until the close of the bout. But he was beaten and harely escaped a knockout through the employment of clinching tactice.

In favor of Cline it must be said that he is the only man who has carried the fight to the champion at any stage of the game. The Irish boy rushed at the titleholder at the outset as if he would annihilate him and for a time the champion was very much surprised. It was apparent that it was lucky for

Cline the bout was limited to six rounds, for he could hardly have lasted more than another round or two in his shaky condition. In the matter of weight the estants were evenly matched. Leonard scaled 13414 and Cline 13414.

### The Fight by Rounds.

First Round-Leonard shot half a foren light lefts to Cline's face. Cline rushed and sent left and right to Leon-and's face. Leonard's left reached the face.

song to gong.

Leonard's round by a shade.

Second Round—Leonard jabbed Cline's fact repeatedly and hopped away, a stiff left on the nose being the only return blow landed on the champion in the first minute of fightlins. Cline, after trying hard to get Benny cornered, finally rushed the champion to the ropes and, boring in, tore away with lefts and rights to the body. Leonard uppercut to the chin when he was able to break away, then followed with a right to Cline's eye.

Ingula 3 15-30. Seixas's highest run was 11, and his average 2 15-29.

At Lawler Brothers room in Brooklyn Sidney C. Brussel, who displayed the league's affairs. It is a certainty no one would attempt to take the job of president, even if the league wanted one. It was freely predicted yesterday that the meeting schduled for February 12, body. Leonard uppercut to the chin when he was able to break away, then followed with a right to Cline's eye. held. Cline hit after the bell sounded and was Leonard's round. .

sound of the gong and with a right to the jaw sent Leonard against the ropes. the jaw sent Leonard against the ropes. It was the hardest blow Patsy landed so far. They exchanged rights to the jaw and kept fighting at close range while the crowd cheered. Leonard missed a right hook. In a rapid mixup Cline got in heavy rights to the term which staggered Benny, Leonard slowed down considerably in this round. Cline was the aggressor. He made every runch count and had his opponent pretty

de hard on Benny's head. He aplarently started to take advantage of his select. Leonard tried a right and resident and then followed with a jab to Cline's chin. The boxers then stood at the quarters and singged toe to toe. Cline used his head and Leonard pro-Cline used his head and Leonard pro-tested. Leonard, angered, rushed madly at his opponent and battered him about the face and body. Leonard brought bleed to Cline's mouth with a stiff left, They were mixing merrily at the bell.

Leonard's round by a shade.

Fifth Round-Cline rushed, and as he me close to Leonard, the champion he away and jabbed Cline's mouth hocked Benny on the jaw, then rushed and get a hard right on the jaw that or man the Irish lad to his hands and He sprang up at once and

on the break covered up. Leonard tried for a knockout. A heavy left to the atomach sent Cline back. He ran into a clinch and in a pocket billiard same at Daiy's in a heavy right to the jaw and followed in a heavy right to the jaw and followed that with terrific body blows that star-break Patsy. Just before the bell was pocketing 34. The game was for the bell was pocketing 34. The game was for the bell was pocketing 34. The game was for the bell was pocket music for Patsy.

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## LEONARD ADDS TO National League Approves NO REDUCTION FOR KRAMER OUTRIDES HIGH LIGHTS AND SHADOWS Schedule of 154 Games AMERICAN LEAGUE SPENCER IN SPRINT

Lightweight Champion, Al- Tentative Plans Call for Opening Season on April 16 Player Limit Will Stay at Veteran Beats National Cyand Closing on September 30-Right of Appeal Granted Suspended Player.

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

Announcement was made that both the hattle he has had since winning the questions of schedule and player limits championship from Freddie Welch, and championahlp from Freddie Weish, and for a few rounds it looked as though the titleholder might suffer an upset, but the class of the titleholder asserted itself in the closing rounds and the Irish from Harlem is numbered among

the champion came to himself in the fifth round and not only gave Cline an artistic beating but nearly stopped him before the bell came to the challenger's relief. In this round Leonard showed himself to be completely the master of his opponent in all departments of the science.

The National League constitution was a amended that a player suspended for a periol longer than ten days will have the right of appeal to the board of directors. It was announced that this bit of contradictory of his opponent in all departments of the science. ments of the science.

He feinted Cline into knots and had him swinging wildly. Shortly before the bell sounded Leonard caught Cline with a terrific thump on the jaw that brought the Irish boy forward on hands and knees.

Scorning the count Cline leaped to his feet and rushed at Leonard. The champeal, but should a similar case arise the player now would have the right to appeal.

> away with appeals from the president's decision. It is significant that yester-day's action was taken at a time when Tener was absent from the meeting.
> The league again unanimously indorsed President Tener's proposition for a pro rata division of the world's series a pro rata division of the world's series receipts. The scheme was approved by cago. Pittsburg later claimed him, but the National League a year ago, but the American League did not like it. In approving it yesterday the National League voted that it again be referred to the American League for consideration at the joint meeting.
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> The proposition calls for a players' decide the question.

**BARROW RESIGNS** 

## LOW ADVANCES IN AS LEAGUE HEAD

League here, will be taken on the player limit and war measures.

The fisht against reducing the player limit was led by Col. Jacob Ruspert of Kramer slowly pedailed out in front to the New York club, with the able assist-

"I think we should continue as in the past." Col. Ruppert said. "We couldn't possibly get along with eighteen men. The lowest number in my judgment would be twenty-one. That roster would jumped Kramer and opened up in a significant continue as in the laps took turns at setting the pace.

Spencer to the Front.

On the sixth lap Spencer suddigumped Kramer and opened up in a significant continue as in the laps took turns at setting the pace.

"They say that pennants have been won with only eighteen men. If I could select the eighteen players I wanted I could give New York a pennant Comiskey opposed any reduction in playing schedules or player limit and

of the war. or the war.

"The same has passed through other crises and will live through this one."

Comiskey said. "I believe the public wants the game, and until it says otherwise it is up to us to proceed along the lines we always have followed."

Johnson was advised by August Herr- scratch amateur contests.

The 1917 pennant was awarded to the Cameron, the former amateur champion. Chicago club, and Comiskey was reelected vice-president of the league. The
new board of directors is composed of
Phil D. C. Ball, president of the St. Louis

Two former world's champions, George Manich battled twenty minutes to a draw, Charles Pospial threw Harry Stevens in 11:10 and Fred Pilakoff downed Tom McDermott in 16:35. Billiard League match game at Thum's PHILLIES SIGN SCOUT.

cling Champion in Final Heat in Garden.

The crowd which peered through the tobacco smoke hushed in excited expectancy as the starting gun cracked and

On the sixth lap Spencer suddenly

would be twenty-one. That roster would give us seven pitchers, three catchers, six infielders and five outfielders. This number is necessary if we are to be prepared to face injuries and accidents to regular players.

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Quick as a fiash Kramer took advantage of Spencer's fancied security. Suddenly the vertex and opened up in a speed burst. When the youngster me what the veteran made no attempt to pass him to regular players.

Quick as a fiash Kramer took advantage of Spencer's fancied security. could select the eighteen players I suddenly the veteran hurled his wheel wanted I could give New York a pennant winner in a hurry. It's necessary to carry undeveloped minor leaguers even although they do not get into a game once or twice a year. The average minor leaguer coming to the big leagues is scared to death, and it requires time for him to wear off his mage fright."

Comiskey opposed any reduction in When the bell clanged for the last lap Spencer had cut Kramer's lead down When the bell clanged for the last tap spencer had cut Kramer's lead down to a yard and a half. The four lap chase had sapped Spencer's stamina and he lacked the final 'punch.' Kramer showed the way across the line by three-quarters of a wheel's length. The terrific four lap finishing curst brought Kramer home in 2:56 3-5.

First Taylor who finished second to Fred Taylor, who finished second to Johnny Staehle in the national amateur championships last summer, came up

from Camp Dix, where he is serving with the 512th Infantry, to compete in the half mile handicap and one mile mann, chairman of the National Commission, that the club owners of the National League, who have been in session Sportiva Italiana won the half mile
in New York, would start West to not tional League, who have been in session Sportiva Italiana won the half mile in New York, would start West to-mor- amateur handleap, with Taylor half a row morning at 11 o'clock for a joint wheel behind, and Chris Dotterwich of meeting with the American Leaguers the National Turn Verein annexed the here on Friday.

Routine affairs in the main com-

manded the attention of the owners here to-day. They reached an understanding of a mile William Spencer, brother of in regard to a method for collecting the Federal war tax on passes, but withheld announcement until the joint meeting on ley of San Francisco was second and Friday. Frank Corry of Australia third. George The 1917 pennant was awarded to the Cameron, the former amateur champion

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# IN ALL SPHERES OF SPORTS

FTER the big splurge created by the sale of Alexander and Killefer to the Cubs there was no trade action, but quite a bit of trade talk at the Waldorf yesterday. Several offers were made to Charley Ebbets for Brooklyn players, but he and Wilbert Robinson could not see their way clear to accepting any of them. They could have had cash

the New York club, with the able assistance of Charley Comiskey of the White

sox.

Ebbets made a proposition to William F. Baker to trade Wheat for
George Whitted, the Philadelphia outfielder, but that offer, too, was turned
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slow. With all respect to Wheat, it cannot be denied that the leg he
injured last season makes him no fair exchange for a player of Whitted's
the first half mile each rider on alternate
calibre. Stengel, who had come on all the way from Kansas City, was injured last season makes him no fair exchange for a player of Whitted's calibre. Stengel, who had come on all the way from Kansas City, was chagrined over his failure to get away from Brooklyn. He thinks he would improve greatly with a change of scene, and we are inclined to believe that for once Casey is right. Christy Mathewson continued his efforts to land Marquard, who continued to insist that he was a free agent. Ebbets continued to insist that Marquard was on the Brooklyn reserve list as the Decoration day fund of the Metropolitan Golf Association, the national Branch Rickey, like Weeghman on the hunt for a first class outfielder.

Branch Rickey, like Weeghman on the hunt for a first class outfielder, made a cash offer to Baker for Dode Paskert. Baker would not listen to the proposition, even though Paskert is 36 years old and has been in the National League for eleven years. Paskert's major value at this time lies it: his very age. He cannot be drafted.

Weeghman Jubilant Over Cubs' Prospects.

Charley Weeghman tried hard to induce Rickey to part with Rogers Hornsby, but not even \$50,000 could make the boss of the Cardinals transfer the young infielder. If Rickey let go of Hornsby the Cardinals would suffer even a worse fate at the hands of the fans than the Phillies are likely to meet. Hornsby, by the way, enjoys the distinction of being one of the very select circle of major league holdouts. He got something like \$5,000 last season and refuses to sign at less than \$10,000 for next

"With Alexander added to our pitching staff, already formidable with Vaughn and Douglass, we should give the Giants a terrific battle for the pennant." said the Chicago president. "Our infield will be a corker-even better than McGraw's. Charley Hollocher and Pete Kilduff should make a wonderful pair at midinfield.

Hollocher and Kilduff Look Like Stars.

Weeghman's enthusiasm about his youngsters at second and short ertainly is justified. Hollocher, apquired from Portland of the Pacific Coast League, is only 19 years old and out there is regarded as a better shortstop than Davy Bancroft was when he came to the Phillies from Portland. At second base Kilduff should prove a real star. Weeghman still is laughing certain golfers to have to carry their over that deal whereby he handed Al Demaree to New York for Kilduff. load of clubs now dragged around by The latter was the finest prospect brought to light in the majors last caddles, but if they had to manage their season, but McGraw sent him away for a pitcher who has not been and

Chleago Ready to Bid High for Herzog.

Weeghman last night declared that he was highly anxious to acquire Charley Herzog from the Giants, and that he was ready to give more money for the infielder than any other team would even approach. When Herzog was told about Weeghman's desire the infielder declared that he would be willing to go to Chicago.

"You know that when I signed with the Giants I had a clause inserted links each week, allowing each caddle in my contract which reads that if the New York club releases me it must consult me as to which club shall get me," said Herzog. "I would be

Few of the old timers were there. One of the few was Gene de Mon-treville, who played second for the Dodgers back in 1900, and before that, in and McGann. Gene looked hale, hearty and prosperous. Fred Jacklitsch. ville company. Powers was not seen to condole with Barrow. It will MORE ARRESTS OF

Matty was a bit downcast by the news that two of his youngsters, Forman A. C. Promoters Are Kopf and Rath, had enlisted. He also learned that Walter Reuther, the pitcher acquired from Chicago last season, who had been farmed out to Sin Francisco, had refused to go anywhere outside the major leagues. It would be a good idea for Brooklyn to recall the waiver on the pitcher

# Special Despatch to The Scn. New Obleans, Dec. 12—There was no handled pon the card at Jefferson Parish track to-day and as a result the quality of the horses was not as good as on recent days. All six races were claiming; pures 180; one mile and a six enter to big leids of cheap platers. Iris T. a chestnut filly owned by D. bristlan, won the opening scramble for co-year-old maldens over the six furgications, and most process and scale by George Walls, took the lead soon after the start heid command to the end. El Capla a finished second and Doots was executed and posts. \*\*Execute T. A. Capla and the second and Doots was executed and posts a second event, at one mile and a much posts and second event, at one mile and a much posts and the fourth Harward and posts and the fourth Harward and the fourth posts of the corporate the start heid command to the end. El Capla a finished second and Doots was executed event, at one mile and a much posts was not the fourth Harward of the fourth Harward of the second in the second indicates the second event, at one mile and a much posts and the fourth Harward of the fourth Harward of the fourth Harward of the fourth Harward of the second in the second indicates the post of the court of the club is Joseph Fordon, president for the club is Joseph Fordon, president fourth the fourth Harward of the end is captured to the court of the club is Joseph Fordon and posts. The court of the club is Joseph Fordon and posts in the fourth Harward of the end is captured to the court of the club is Joseph Fordon and the fourth Harward of the end is captured to the court of the club is Joseph Fordon and the fourth Harward of the end is a second in the second in the end is a second in the second in

tania fisished second and Doots was third.

The second event, at one mile and a sixteenth, went to Tours, belonging to 'j Hotts. Filsen won the third race, Coppe. (King took the fourth, Harwood the fifth and Stout Heart the sixth.

Plisen. Copper King. Harwood and Stout Heart twere heavily backed favorites. The summaries:

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## GOLF MINUS BAG TOTERS SUGGESTED

U. S. G. A. May Ask for That or a Caddiless Day to Help War Relief Work.

While advance signs indicate that nothing of a tempestuous nature is likely to break in upon the serenity of the next annual meeting of the United States Golf Association in Philadelphia, it is just possible that the delegates will when just possible that the delegates will when the time comes find themselves confronted with a number of unique problems. One of these has to do with the suggestion that the association, in order to do more for the common cause, may recommend to the member clubs that golfers use a certain amount of self-denial with regard to caddles. If golfers were to refrain from employing boys on occasions and the money which would have been spent turned over to some fund, the sum total at the end of the season would mount into the millions.

The method of collecting the money

timore, but since that club is not going to start Jacobson still is on hands. Jacobson was to have gone to Jack Dunn as part payment
Barber, the outfielder acquired at the end of last season.

Ebbets Offers to Trade Wheat for Whitted.

Ebbets made a proposition to William F. Baker to trade Wheat for club could forward the amount monthly to whatever war relief fund it might favor. favor.

Liberty day tournament on July 4 and various exhibition matches for war relief funds by Chick Evans, Francis. Oulmet, Jerome D. Travers, Mrs. W. A. Gavin and hundreds of others. In fact every part of the country has done its share so far as war relief tournaments, are concerned.

Involves Self-denial,

But the suggestion of doing without caddles involves self-denial and the sac-rifice of a certain pleasure on the part of the golfers, to say nothing of the bag toters, whose earnings may help out the family treasury. Investigation has shown, however, that the amounts carned by caddles are essential to family confort in only a few instances.

From the playing side there are two strong arguments for caddles—one, the trouble of carrying the clubs and the other, keeping track of the ball. It has other, keeping track of the ball. It has been suggested that if every player had to follow his own rubber core there might be an improvement in straight-ness of play, and after a little practice be able to develop a good sense of direc-tion in locating the ball if it gets off the fairway.

It might seem a great hardship to own bags they might discover that they could get along with just half the number of clubs they now have. To those who have never played on a public course a caddle seems absolutely essential, but there are thousands of golfers who play thousands of enjoyable rounds on the numerical links where here rounds on the municipal links where bag toters are conspicuous by their absence. Figuring that there are half a million

such a prospect would not be an allur-ing one for the average devotee, but he

**BOXING OFFICIALS** 

Summoned to Court.

might do it just once.

Another squad of boxing promoters was pounced upon by the police yester-day afternoon. Thirteen of them were handed summonses calling for their ap-pearance in court next Monday to ex-plain why they staged bouts at the Post-man Athletic Club in Harlem last Friday

made on long shots. The lineup:

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Twenty-five-No Drastic Economy Moves.

The second day's session of the National League brought out few of the present rules allow, but the constituting situations which featured the spenting day's session. The punch was a desired to the present rules allow, but the constituting situations which featured the spenting day's session. The punch was taken out of the meeting on Tuesday, when the Alexander-Killefer deal was exception of the tail enders, on put over and Tener was reclected presidence in the spenting day of the constitution of the

Must Put Curb on Passes. The subject of passes was freely dis-cussed, but action upon it was deferred. It was stated, however, that the sense of the meeting was that passes were becoming a growing evil which must sooner or later be curbed.

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It was also decided that each club should set aside one day in the season to be designated as Clark Griffith Bat and Ball Day, when 25 per cent of the gross receipts will be turned over to Griffith's Bat and Ball Fund. In a letter to the league Griffith said he took in \$35,000 last season and hopes to take in \$60,000 next season.

The National League constitution also was amended so as to define an open date more clearly. Under the new definition anything is an open date when no game is scheduled.

The league also voted to adopt a uniform code of club rules, to be posted in the clubhouses of the various clubs. They define the deportment expected of players off and on the field, insist on clean uniforms, define hours of reporting. &c. Heretofore each club has had its own rules. These rules are now made uniform throughout the league.

After a four hour session last night the owners announced that they had voted to go into joint session with the American League at Chicago to-mor-Herrmann got a telegram from Ban Johnson stating that the Am

League would be giad to meet the owners of the senior circuit. The session was enlivened by a scrap between the Pittsburg and Chicago clubs over the services of Vic Saier, the first baseman. Last reason after Saier had fractured a leg he was released by Chi-

rushed and sent left ami right to Leonard's left reached the face.

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Cline rushed Leonard to the ropes and landed left and right, after which Leonard sot to the centre and landed two lefts. There was considerable hard hitting, the boys being at each other from gong to gong.

Leonard's round by a shade.

Leonard's round—Leonard jabbed Cline's Second Round—

# **NOVICE TOURNEY**